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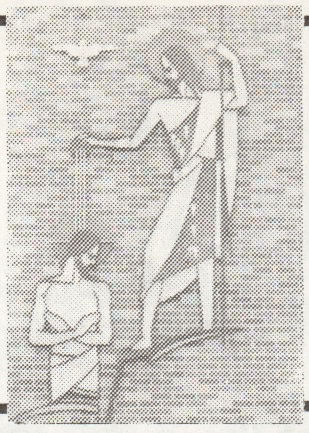

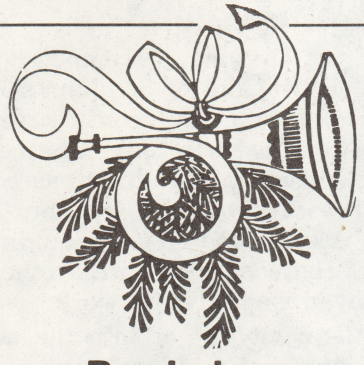

- Reminder -
Church Decorating

Today
Sunday, December 17th

2:30 p.m. - Come ready to help with the work in church
2:30 p.m. Children in 6:00 p.m. Christmas Liturgy will have rehearsal in school
6:00 p.m. Potluck Diiner will be held in parish hall.

Please Bring A Dish to Pass Around.

This is also the day the kitchen and storeroom are cleaned and put in order. Anyone wanting to help with this project and with getting the potluck prepared, please feel free to work in parish hall.

Just a Word ...

by Fr. Harvey

Welcome, Ypsi High Students

We are delighted to welcome back to our church the Ypsilanti High School Choir and Orchestra under the direction of Mr. William Boggs. The Choir will perform Mozart's "Missa Brevis" during the 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday. A special Communion motet will also be sung during the liturgy. We thank Mr. Boggs, the 50 member choir and 10 piece orchestra for sharing their talent and prayerful music with us.

"Now, we watch for the day ..."

We enter the final full week of the Advent season today. Take time to be that open vessel capable of receiving the Christ of Christmas, the Christ who is the Source of our joy and personal peace.

The decoration of the church for the Christmas season gets under way at 2:30 p.m. this Sunday afternoon. A potluck supper follows the decoration bee at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. The choir will rehearse during the time the church is being decorated. The youngsters who volunteered to be participants in the Christmas Eve Family liturgy will also meet to rehearse during this time.

Christmas Schedules

Final opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas are available this week. The Communal Penance Service is scheduled for this coming Thursday evening, December 21st, at 7:30 p.m. in church. Additional priests will be available for private confession. Confessions will also be heard on Saturday, December 23rd, from 11 a.m. till noon and from 3:30 p.m. till 4:30 p.m. For parishioners unable to be present at the above times, confessions will also be heard next Sunday morning following the 7 and 9 a.m. Sunday morning Masses.

Christmas Masses will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, 12 Midnight and at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Christmas Day. There will be No 7:00 a.m. Mass Christmas morning because of the additional Mass on Christmas Eve. Again, may I remind you that the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve is primarily for families with smaller children. Space is limited. Please be considerate.

New Year's Eve Dance

What are you doing on New Year's Eve?

Why not get your tickets now for St. John's New Year's Eve Party!

In addition to a pleasant evening with friends, you'll dance to the Mike Andrey Trio and enjoy snacks, beer and setups, champagne to greet the new year, and a breakfast buffet at 1:00 a.m.

A table will be reserved for your party on request. Tickets are $25 per couple and are available during coffee and donuts after Masses, at the rectory, or from Dennis or Carole Becker (971-2507), Lee Sanford (483-4283), Dolores Sparrow (482-7111), Natalie Bowyer (482-4742) or Rita Sprague (483-3600).

Ticket sales will close on Sunday, December 24. Be sure to get yours soon.

Midnight Mass Broadcast

St. John's Christmas Midnight Mass will be broadcast live once again on radio station WPAG (107 FM). This annual broadcast is made possible through the generosity of two parishioners, Mr. Barney Hughes of Hughes Real Estate and Mr. Eugene Butman of Gene Butman Ford Sales.

In the Peace of Christ

Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the family of Elizabeth R. (Rominski) Cureton, age 78, of Jefferson Township, Tennessee. Mrs. Cureton died on Tuesday, December 5, 1978 in Ann Arbor.

Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated by Fr. Doepker on Thursday, December 7, 1978 in our church. Burial followed in Union Cemetery, Newport, Tennessee.

Elizabeth's husband, Erastus Cureton, preceded her in death in 1961. Among her survivors are 2 sisters, including Gertrude (Mrs. Harry) Roof of this parish, and four brothers, including George Rominski of this parish. Another brother, Harry Rominski, was buried from St. John's in June of this year.

May Elizabeth live in the peace which the Lord Jesus has promised.

K of C Specialty

K of C members took up a collection for the SPRED Program which has been inaugurated at St. John's the past two years. Through their generous contribution, students will benefit in various ways. A heartfelt thank you goes to this group which showed concern in an area of endeavor at St. John's.

Like Clay in the Hands of the Potter

Sister Marilyn

Rejoice!! I was struck as I prayed over today's reading and prepared to write this column of how each of us is a unique gift, a special creation; just like the clay pot each of us fashioned this past week. The liturgy today celebrated this idea when it spoke of God's spirit being upon each one of us. It is so reassuring and comforting to realize that every single one of us has been gifted by God with a specialness that makes us who we are. There is not one other person in this entire world who is the same as I am. John the Baptizer exemplefies this in the gospel when he proclaims who he is and what his uniqueness celebrated.

This specialness may seem to be quite ordinary to us. Oh! How am I unique??? Me? However, on deeper reflection we can discover that not all of us has the patience and generosity and gift to be a good wife and mother; or the compassion and love of one who serves the sick, infirmed or the dying. Some of us are gifted by God with a peace-filled spirit, come with the gift of unselfish giving, and on and on it continues. There is not one of God's human creations that is not special and unique. Can you see why we have real cause to **Rejoice** with a God who loves us?

Who am I? What are the loving and freely given gifts given to me by God? What makes me special to Him? How do I use the gift of myself for others? Maybe some of these questions could be used as food for thought during this coming week. You know, it is like our clay pots that have been fashioned by us. They can be made even more ready, more beautiful. It may take some thought but I am willing to wager that the pot you have fashioned and the way you paint or decorate it will be unique to you. I am sure that out of all the 650 pieces of clay given out no two will be exactly the same.

And so too each of us has different potential and possibility. Each of us can become ever more whole and more entire. The growing awareness of my own potential through quiet prayer and reflection will allow me to rejoice in the shape the potter has formed.

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It is with grateful thanks and deep appreciation that we say good-by to Gary Yezbick, lead song guitarist for the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Folk Group. Because of growing commitments, Gary has had to leave the group, although you may see him from time to time as a substitute. Gary came to play last year, when I was here only a few months. He responded to a need and offered to lead the group. At that time he said he would be available for about three months. Well it is now a year later and I wish to thank him publicly for his faithfulness in serving this parish. God bless you Gary and **Thank You.**

Leisure Club Fun

On Tuesday, December 12th the Leisure Club of St. John's Parish met in regular monthly session. After the short business meeting, members made Christmas cookies for distribution to shut-in at Parkview so that they could spread Christmas cheer while they enjoyed themselves at work.

All members got into the act and found that cookie-making could be fun when done together.

The Leisure Club is always looking for more membership among our Senior Citizens. The Club meets on the second Tuesday monthly for a short business meeting and coffee to get to know one another. At the meeting, they plan the activity for the month. A lot is in store that is beneficial and fun. Won't you consider joining if you are a Senior Citizen?

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Leisure Club members thought you might like to have Mr. Weber's address:

Mr. Ted S. Weber
Ironside Road
Fairfield, Connecticut 06430

Parish Calendars Available

The family appointment calendars for 1979 are now available at all church entrances. These convenient calendars also contain our church directory and all necessary phone numbers. We are grateful to the Wagner-Stark Moore Memorial Chapel for furnishing us with the calendar. Mr. Richard Wagner, co-owner, of the funeral home firm, is a member of this parish.

Intercessory Prayer

Father, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise. All life all holiness comes from you through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit. From age to age you gather a people to yourself, so that from east to west a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your name. Lord God, as we make ready the way for the celebration of your Son's birth, it is a time to come closer to each other. A time to give and to receive. A time of joy, a time of praise. A time to seek, a time to find. A time to repent and a time to forgive. A time to receive God's only Son into our lives, a time to be sons and daughters of God our Lord.

Dear Lord, in love we pray for our parish team. Let your light shine upon them. Let them live as an example for our community.

We pray for our sick, the elderly and shut-ins. You are our Father of mercies and the God of all comfort who consoles us in all our afflictions.

We pray for those who do not know you. May they find you during this joyous season.

We pray for Anna Marie and Patrick Alan who became one with Christ through Holy Baptism. May they grow to love the Lord.

We pray for unity within our parish as we prepare for Christmas Day. Let us rejoice on that sacred night as we prepare to welcome Jesus, the light of the world. May the coming of this light prepare us for the heavenly vision.

We pray for Olive White whom the Lord has called home. Eternal rest is hers now in the kingdom of God our Father.

We pray for our newcomers; may they find Christian community at St. John's.

We pray for our needs.

All-powerful and ever-living God, direct your love that is within us, that our efforts in the name of your son may bring mankind to unity and peace. And may his grace and peace be with us always.

Praise the Name of Jesus,
David Rocha

St. John's Bingo
Wednesdays
Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

3rd ADVENT: 17 DEC. 1978
Make room for the rich and the mighty!
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Sr. Marilyn Barnett, Worship Commission Coordinator
Miss Eileen Hageman - Religious Education Coordinator
Mrs. Judy Buck, Education Center Administrator
Sr. Carol Denise Koenig
Service Commission Coordinator, Editor
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Mrs. Natalie Bowyer - Parish Activities Commission Coordinator

PHONES

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Religious Ed. Center and Activities Center	**483-6378**
Service and Worship Commissions	**483-3360**

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LITURGY

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Holyday: 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Daily: 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday ... 2:30 Parkview Home Monday ... 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday ... 9:00 a.m. Wednesday and Saturday

BAPTISMS: 12:30 Mass on second Sunday of each month, after Parents/Expectant Parents have completed Baptismal Catechesis. Please pre-register 3 weeks in advance.
WEDDINGS: Notify rectory 2 to 3 months in advance for adequate preparation.
CONFESSIONS: Saturday ... 3:30-4:40 ... Anytime by appointment.
COMMUNAL PENANCE: As Announced
MARIAN DEVOTIONS: Tuesday 6:45 p.m.
REGISTRATION: New parishioner - please register at the rectory. Kindly notify us if moving from the parish.
COMMUNION CALLS: The sick and shut-ins who wish to have Communion brought to them may call the rectory or convent and request it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Preschool: 11:00 a.m. Sunday
Elementary: Tuesday 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. Wednesday 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.
Junior High: Tuesday 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. or 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.
Senior High: Home Programs or Sunday Sessions
Special Education: Arrangements made.
Adult: As Announced.

PARISH SERVICES

Baby-sitting: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday
Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9:00 and 11:00 Masses
Bingo: Wednesday 6:45 to 10:30 p.m. - Open 6:15

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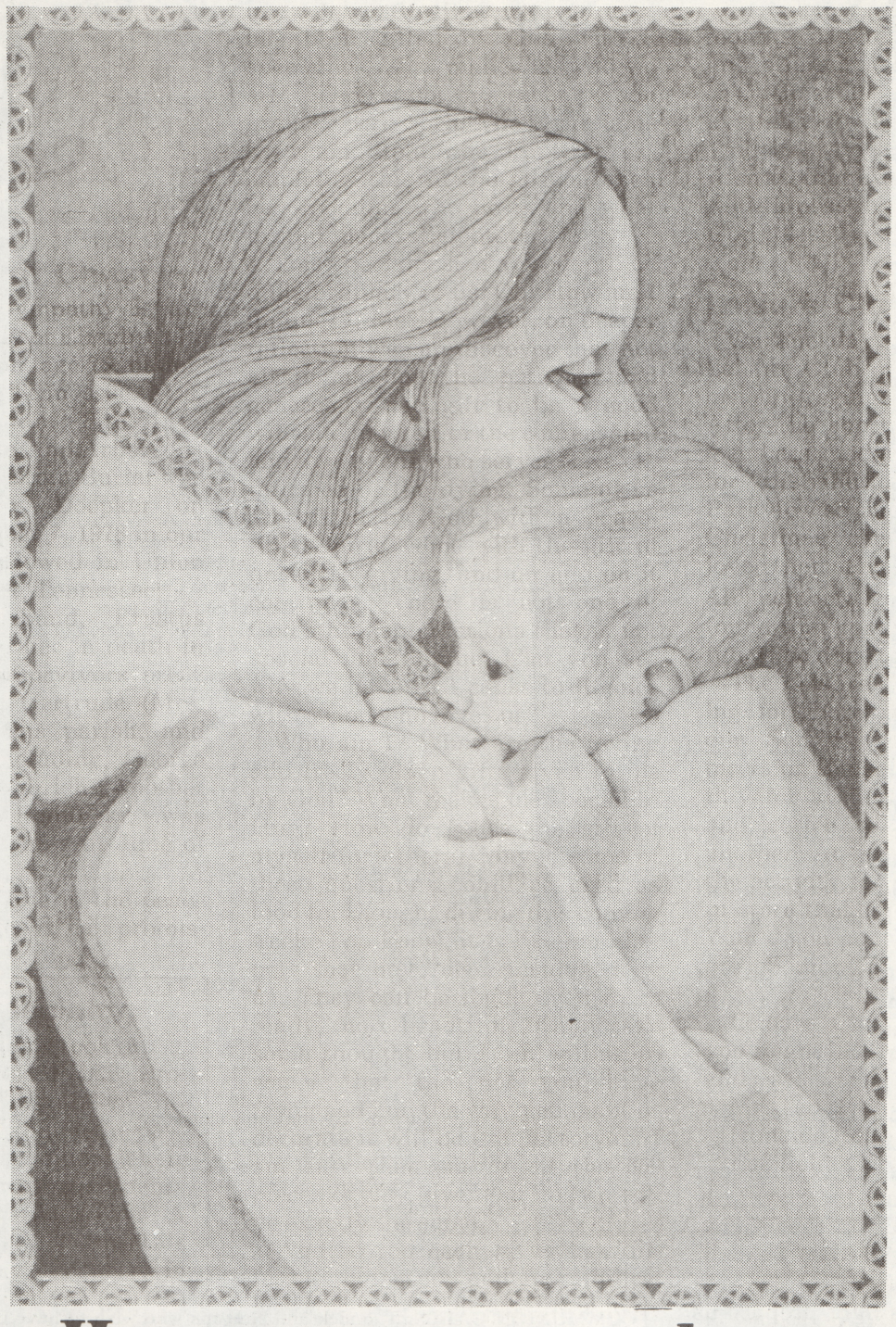
Members of the parish team would be happy to join you and your family at dinner. Please feel free to extend your invitation directly to the person you would like to invite.



He comes to us where
we expect Him least,
He holds us in the gentle flow of love

Worth Noting

The Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, December 17
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Baby-sitting
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
10:00 -11:30 a.m. H.S. Religious Education
2:30 p.m. Church Christmas Decorating
2:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
2:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner
MONDAY, December 18
7:30 p.m. Worship Commission meets at the Rectory
TUESDAY, December 19
4:00 p.m. Penance Service, Grades 5-8
7:00 p.m. Penance Service, Junior High
7:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning, Rectory
7:30 p.m. Convert Class & Party
WEDNESDAY, December 20
4:30 p.m. Penance Service, Grades 5 & 6
6:30 p.m. Bingo, Parish Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
THURSDAY, December 21
4:30 -5:30 p.m. Final Practice for Children's Liturgy - Church
7:30 p.m. Christmas Penance Service
SATURDAY, December 23
10:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Practice, Rectory
11:00 -12:00 Noon Confessions
3:30 -4:30 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass
SUNDAY, December 24
No Preschool Classes
Masses at 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Liturgy followed by reception in hall
12:00 Midnight Mass followed by rolls & coffee in the church hall
MONDAY, December 25
No 7:00 a.m. Mass
Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

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Take time to see "The Living Nativity" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 18 through 21 at 1st Baptist on Cross Street.

Readings for December 17th - 24th

Sunday - Is 61:1-2,10-11, 1 Thes 5:16-24, Jn 1:6-8,19-28

Monday - Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-24

Tuesday - Jgs 13:2-7,24-25, Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday - Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38

Thursday - Sm 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45

Friday - 1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56

Saturday - Mal 3:1-4,23-24, Lk 1:57-66

Sunday - 2 Sm 7:1-5,8-11,16, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38

Washtenaw Area Board of Catholic Education

The Diocesan Board of Education has asked all Education Commissions and Boards to write a philosophy. The Washtenaw Area Board of Catholic Education needs volunteers to serve on this committee. In addition to Board members and teachers already willing to serve, we need:

1 parent of an ARED student

1 parent of a Gabriel Richard student

1 ARED student

1 Gabriel Richard student

The meeting will be held on **January 3rd** at 7:30 p.m. in the parish office at St. Francis Church in Ann Arbor. Please call Frances Brauer at 482-1777 before December 22nd if you would like to work on this committee.

Percent to the Parish

The owners of **Karl's Kountry Korners** have responded not only to the parish bulletin need for advertising but have also decided to donate 10% to the parish on all purchases by parish members at their flower and plant shop. They will keep a record of purchases made by church members ... you need only state that you are from St. John Parish.

Karl's Kountry Korners is located at 5915 W. Michigan in Pittsfield Township. Their phone no. is 434-1990 in case you wish to call to see whether they have what you are looking for.

Advent Schedule - Holy Trinity Chapel

SUNDAY EVENINGS
7:00 p.m. Evensong, in Chapel
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
7:30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary, in Chapel

No St. Vincent de Paul food collection since last Sunday is Christmas Eve. However, you may wish to make a donation to share Christmas gifts with someone.

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, December 18 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. Mary Klauke, req. by Madelen Kayfesh
2:30 p.m. Cleophus Arend, req. by Tom and Hazel Conway (at Parkview)
TUESDAY, December 19 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. Nenite Constantino, req. by Tessie, Nene & Edgar Ferrer
5:30 p.m. Olive White, req. by Adelaide and Marie Seeger
WEDNESDAY, December 20 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. Charles & Catherine Seeger, req. by Adelaide and Marie Seeger
9:00 a.m. Glen Wales, req. by Jim and Joan Sayre & Dave and Joyce Novak
THURSDAY, December 21 - Late Advent Weekday (St. Peter Canisius)
7:00 a.m. Thomas Monaghan, req. by Bernard and Harriet Hutting, Sr.
5:30 p.m. Carl Houghs (1st Anniv.), req. by Josephine Houghs
FRIDAY, December 22 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. Desire L. Hancotte, req. by Hazel Ferraro
6:30 p.m. (Wedding) Mark F. Schwall and Renee L. Walton
SATURDAY, December 23 - Late Advent Weekday (St. John of Kanty)
9:00 a.m. Joseph Ferraro, req. by Hazel Ferraro
5:00 p.m. George and Mary Freeman Family, req. by Jessie & Ray McConnell, Jo Horn and Sue Cooch
SUNDAY, December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:00 a.m. Intention of Parishioners
9:00 a.m. John Mongiat, req. by John and Dorothy Pinnala
11:00 a.m. James J. Keegan, req. by Mrs. Gordon E. Healy
12:30 p.m. Elizabeth Cureton, req. by George and Vivian Rominski

Wedding Banns

III Mark F. Schwall and Renee L. Walton

Financial Barometer

To quote B. C. Forbes: "Christmas is glorious, I love the season, the Spirit of Christmas. If your heart is in the right place it affords you appropriate opportunity to do things for others, to express your good will, to let yourself go sentimentally and philanthropically." Amen to that! And our thanks to those who continue to express their "good will" through generous church support.

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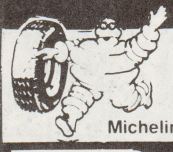

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